

Message

From: Villanueva, Philip [Villanueva.Philip@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/22/2019 5:12:12 PM
To: Miller, David [Miller.DavidJ@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Willing to have an informal chat on upcoming AHS activities etc. for FY 2020?

Boss - Did you mean to send this to me instead of Kent?

From: Miller, David <Miller.DavidJ@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 12:34 PM
To: Villanueva, Philip <Villanueva.Philip@epa.gov>
Cc: Hrdy, David <Hrdy.David@epa.gov>; Recore, Shanna <Recore.Shanna@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Willing to have an informal chat on upcoming AHS activities etc. for FY 2020?

Hello Kent,

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Regards,

David.

From: Miller, David

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 9:03 AM

To: Thomas, Kent <thomas.kent@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Willing to have an informal chat on upcoming AHS activities etc. for FY 2020?

Hello Kent,

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Regards,

From: Miller, David
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Thomas, Kent <thomas.kent@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Willing to have an informal chat on upcoming AHS activities etc. for FY 2020?

You're welcome. And before that I will draw up a list of topic/agenda to provide you ahead of time.

Note that I would not be expecting to discuss any of the topics in depth during our call (any one of them might be a conversation in itself !), but rather a brief look into some of our thinking, with perhaps the opportunity to decide which to prioritize and potentially queue them up for future discussion.

So... broad, not deep (at least this time).

David.

From: Thomas, Kent <thomas.kent@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Miller, David <Miller.DavidJ@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Willing to have an informal chat on upcoming AHS activities etc. for FY 2020?

Thanks, David. Friday will be good for me.

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Best wishes,
Kent

From: Miller, David <Miller.DavidJ@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 6:44 PM
To: Thomas, Kent <thomas.kent@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Willing to have an informal chat on upcoming AHS activities etc. for FY 2020?

Hello Kent,

Does Friday at 10 am work for you? I will do an MS Outlook invite. Feel free to propose an alternative if you want.

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Regards,

David.

From: Miller, David
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:24 PM
To: Thomas, Kent <thomas.kent@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Makes Paraquat Draft Risk Assessments Available for Public Comment

Hello Kent,

Moving the date is fine. Let me get back to you in a bit with what's free and offer suggestions. Regardless, I will consider the Monday 21 October date as now being off.

David.

From: Thomas, Kent <thomas.kent@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Miller, David <Miller.DavidJ@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Makes Paraquat Draft Risk Assessments Available for Public Comment

Hi David:

Thanks very much for the information you have sent me across several emails. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Our discussion is tentatively scheduled for Monday October 21st. Would it be OK with you if we moved that back by a couple of days? How does Wednesday October 23rd look for you (my calendar is open all day). Tuesday (10/22) afternoon from 2:30 – 4:00 are also open, as is all day Friday (10/25).

Best,
Kent

From: Miller, David <Miller.DavidJ@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Thomas, Kent <thomas.kent@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Makes Paraquat Draft Risk Assessments Available for Public Comment

Hello Kent,

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I've also attached FYI a Bloomberg News that came out on this earlier yesterday.

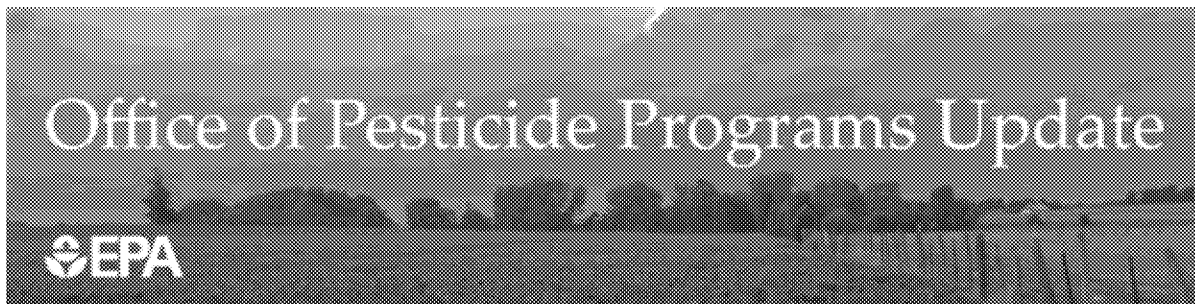
David.

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From: Evans, Elizabeth <Evans.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:47 PM
To: OPP HED TEB <OPP_HED_TEB@epa.gov>; OPP HED CEB <OPP_HED_CEB@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Makes Paraquat Draft Risk Assessments Available for Public Comment

Hi CEB and TEB – the paraquat DRAs are now posted in the docket along with Tier II epi report et al- I checked. They are in the docket. Congratulations.

From: EPA Pesticides Programs <oppt.epa@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:26 PM
To: Evans, Elizabeth <Evans.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Makes Paraquat Draft Risk Assessments Available for Public Comment



EPA Makes Paraquat Draft Risk Assessments Available for Public Comment

Today, EPA is taking an important step in its regulatory review of paraquat—an herbicide used in agricultural and commercial settings only. The draft risk assessments are the product of an extensive evaluation of available data on the health and environmental impacts associated with the pesticide. The agency is seeking public input on [draft human health](#) and [ecological risk assessments](#). These draft risk assessments are the next step in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) registration review process and are not a denial or an approval of the herbicide. Public comments will be accepted until December 16, 2019.

Additional Background

Paraquat is already applied annually to control invasive weeds and plants in more than 100 crops—including cotton, corn, and soybeans, and there are presently no direct alternatives to this product. All paraquat products are [Restricted Use Products](#). Additionally, paraquat products can only be applied by certified pesticide applicators. EPA does not allow the use of paraquat in residential areas.

EPA has taken proactive steps, outside of the standard registration review process, to ensure paraquat is used in a manner that is safe and consistent with the label directions. This includes a [safety awareness campaign](#) and [changes to labels and product packaging](#) to stop improper uses, which have led to poisonings and deaths. Additionally, [specialized training for certified applicators who use paraquat](#) was released earlier this year to ensure that the pesticide is used correctly. EPA is continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of these measures as the agency works to complete the required registration review process.

EPA found no dietary risks of concern when paraquat is used according to label instructions. The draft human health risk assessment identifies potential risks to workers who apply paraquat or enter treated fields after application. There are also potential risks from spray drift to bystanders at the edge of the field. The draft ecological risk assessment identifies potential risks to mammals, birds, adult honey bees, terrestrial plants, and algae. Historically, EPA has received feedback from the public linking the proper use of paraquat to Parkinson's Disease, however, EPA's review of the available information in the draft assessment did not support a causal relationship. As with all aspects of the draft risk assessments, the agency is seeking additional feedback from the public during the 60-day public comment period on the relationship between paraquat and Parkinson's Disease.

After public comments on the human health and ecological risk assessments are reviewed, EPA will determine whether updates or revisions to the assessments are necessary. EPA will propose additional risk mitigation measures, if necessary, in 2020, via its Registration Review Proposed Interim Decision. [Learn more about paraquat.](#)

EPA distributes its OPP Updates to external stakeholders and citizens who have expressed an interest in the Agency's pesticide program activities and decisions. This update service is part of EPA's continuing effort to improve public access to federal pesticide information.

For general questions about pesticides and pesticide poisoning prevention, contact the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) by email at npic@ace.orst.edu or by visiting the [NPIC website](#).



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